

LOCAL NEWS.

POSTOFFICE AFFAIR.—After the Gazette's report of the investigation of the postoffice affair, on Saturday last, had closed, the case of W. L. Mitchell, a clerk in the postoffice, was taken up, S. F. Beach, esq., acting U. S. District Attorney, appearing as counsel for the government, and L. H. Chandler, esq., for the defendant. The result of the examination was that the defendant was committed in default of bail in the sum of \$3,000. After the commitment Lawrence B. Taylor, esq., counsel for defendant applied to Judge Underwood for a writ of habeas corpus in his behalf, for the purpose of having the amount of bail reduced.

The writ was promptly awarded, but before it was heard, it was ascertained that Commissioner Round was still in the city, and application was made to him, to reconsider his judgment, fixing the amount of bail at \$3,000, which was agreed to.

The motion to reconsider and to reduce the amount of bail, was then heard, in the presence of Judge Underwood, S. F. Beach, esq., representing the United States, and Lawrence B. Taylor, esq., the defendant. The amount of bail was reduced to the sum of \$500, which was at once given, and the defendant discharged.

The charge against Mr. Mitchell, was having opened and read a letter deposited in the postoffice in the year 1864, which, it was asserted, he had reason to suspect might contain treasonable matter. This was done not lawfully or clandestinely, but openly, in the presence of another clerk in the office, whose attention he had directed to the person depositing the letter, and who testified that as soon as the letter was read, it was immediately sealed up and forwarded to its destination.

The office still remains in charge of Captain John Frey, special agent of the Postoffice department.

FRUIT CANNING ESTABLISHMENT.—Arrangements are in progress, it is understood, for starting a fruit canning establishment in this city, and of a places in the world none possesses greater facilities for the successful management of an enterprise of that character than Alexandria. During the five years that have elapsed since the termination of the war, the attention of the farmers in this section of the State has been particularly directed to the subject of fruit growing, and the result has been exhibited in the most gratifying manner by the annual increase in quantity and advances in quality of all the different varieties of fruit that grow in the temperate zone. With the increase in quantity and the easy accessibility of Alexandria as a market, there has been a corresponding diminution in the prices at which the fruit is disposed of, and the quotations here last year were, it is said, cheaper than ruling any where else. In addition to the large quantity raised immediately around the city, the product of the extensive fruiteries of Falls Church, Vienna, Collingwood, Acotank, Clifton, and Front Royal, as well as that of the luxuriant orchards and vineyards of the whole country traversed by the O. A. & M. and the A. L. & H. R. R., and of the farms bordering upon the Potomac river, would all find its way here provided there was a demand for it, and the requisite demand would be furnished by the establishment alluded to. The requisite buildings and all the other essentials for conducting the business can be procured here cheaper and with less difficulty than any where else, and if the arrangements under way are completed satisfactorily, there can be no reasonable doubt that the investment will be profitable.

THE ELECTION TO BE CONTESTED.—Mayor Berkley on Saturday evening last, in a note to the judges of the election, requested that the ballots that had been deposited in the 4th Ward should be recounted in the presence of two disinterested persons, one to be selected from the Republican, and the other from the Conservative party. The judges replied this morning that in accordance with the provisions of the election law they were compelled to decline granting the request. When this reply was received, it was determined to contest the whole election. The contestants say they don't charge that any fraud was committed, but state that they have just grounds for believing that an error has occurred in the count, and as there was a falling off in the vote for Mayor in the 4th Ward, they say that the error probably occurred there. As the judges of the election in the 4th Ward were J. W. Stewart, C. C. Berry and Emanuel Francis, all gentlemen of acknowledged honor and probity, and all good accountants, it is hardly possible that the result of the contest will be different from that of the election.

DECORATING THE SOLDIERS' GRAVES.—The annual ceremonies attendant upon the decoration of the graves of the Federal soldiers at the cemetery near this city were conducted this evening according to the following programme: Reading of Order..... Vice Comdr. L. B. DIXIE..... BAND..... Reading of Scripture..... Rev. F. Cook..... MUSIC..... Hon. W. L. Stoughton, of Mich. Address..... Hon. T. W. Tilton, of Neb. Address..... MUSIC..... Benediction..... Rev. T. R. Haynes. Music by the Band and Strolling of Flowers. The graves of the Confederates in the cemetery were strewed with flowers at the same time. A large crowd, including many strangers, was present.

SUICIDE.—A young man named Alfred Violett, the son of a widow lady in this city, during a fit of temporary insanity, escaped from those who had been watching him for a day or two previous, about eight o'clock yesterday morning, and making his way rapidly to the wharf, jumped overboard at the Brown Shed dock and was drowned. His body was recovered about an hour after it had been in the water and was interred this morning. He is represented to have been a quiet, industrious and well behaved young man, and the cause of his insanity cannot be determined. His death is regretted by a large number of friends.

The Postoffice and Customed House were closed at an early hour this morning, for the purpose of allowing the employees to participate in the ceremonies attending the decoration of the soldiers' graves.

THE ELECTION.—The following are the names of the municipal officers elected at the late election:

Mayor, Hugh Latham; Auditor, R. S. Ashby; Commonwealth's Attorney, F. L. Smith; Corporation Attorney, F. L. Smith, Jr.; City Sergeant, J. M. Stewart; City Treasurer, W. D. Corse; Collector of Taxes, N. D. John T. Hill; Collector Southern District, K. Field; Clerk City Court, Morton M. Guiser; U. S. Marshal, Engineer Fire Department, A. C. Kell; City Surveyor, T. N. Carter; Clerk of the Market, Thos. Whittington; Commissioner of Revenue, H. K. Bradshaw; Superintendent of Gas, Jacob Hoxbury; Superintendent of Police, James Fidelity; Measure of Wood, James P. Coleman; Measures of Lumber, Thos. E. Kemp and Wm. Vincent; all of whom were on the Conservative ticket.

The regular Conservative City Council and Magistrate ticket was defeated in the 4th Ward, and the City Council ticket in the 3d Ward. With these exceptions all the Ward officers elected were also Conservatives.

CITY COUNCIL.—BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—1st Ward—W. H. Marbury, G. H. Markell; 2d Ward, H. L. Simpson, J. S. French; 3d Ward, C. F. Suttle, A. C. Hermon; 4th Ward, Robert Bell, J. P. Agnew.

COMMON COUNCIL.—1st Ward, Geo. R. Shinn, W. S. Moore, C. L. Neale and Benoni Wheat; 2d Ward, R. M. Lawson, G. C. Wedderburn, Simon Waterman and G. W. Harrison; 3d Ward, B. F. Price, H. W. Beadle, Robert Portner, and W. D. Messer; 4th Ward, J. R. Smith, P. R. Evans, G. W. Parker, colored, and J. L. Dyson.

MAGISTRATES.—1st Ward, S. H. Janney, G. W. Dearborn, J. J. Wheat; 2d Ward, G. H. Robinson, C. P. Shaw, Gilbert Simpson; 3d Ward, W. H. May, P. G. Usher, Samuel Beach; 4th Ward, Robt. Bell, J. P. Agnew, T. P. Finn, and Bernard Cline; 2d Ward, James Smith; 3d Ward, Jonathan T. Ward, 4th Ward, Samuel Jefferson.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.—The ladies connected with the Second Presbyterian Church will commence their strawberry and ice cream festival at the Assembly Rooms to-morrow night, and from the progress already made in the arrangements and a knowledge of those who will supervise the affair, there can be no doubt of its entire success. The ladies will be at the hall all day to-morrow to receive contributions.

LOCAL BREVITIES.—The canal boat Wandering Boy, of the Baltimore and Hampshire Company, loaded with coal, banked, collided with another boat, and sunk in the Big Pool on the Fourteen Mile Level several days ago, and proved a total loss.

The personal effects of the late Capt. W. H. Dulany, including his law library, will be disposed of by auction to-morrow. See advertisement in another column.

Another dead engine, this one for the C. C. & A. R. R., passed through this city to-day via the O. A. & M. R. R.

The fisherman's and ducker's ark of Mr. Cogswell, lying off the lower portion of the city, was boarded last night and robbed of some of its contents.

A young man named Hugh Egan was accidentally struck on the head with a brick bat by a companion near the corner of Columbus and Oronoco streets last night and severely injured.

Notwithstanding the arrests of the Sunday previous there were some games of base ball played on the commons around the city yesterday.

The side walks require attention. A young gentleman sprained his ankle last night while taking a stroll on the upper end of King street. A colored man who would not get out of the way of a locomotive on St. Asaph street Saturday evening last was knocked down by the same and considerably injured.

The successful candidates at the late election will be waited upon by their friends at their respective residences to-night, and are expected to respond to the calls that will be made for them. The callers will be invited to partake of a collation at the house on Prince street, formerly occupied as a restaurant by Mr. James Coleman.

POLICE REPORT.—MAYOR'S OFFICE.—There were no cases of a criminal character at the Mayor's office this morning.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—Nothing of a criminal character was before any of the Magistrates' this morning.

WATCH REPORT.—Night dark, cloudy and disagreeable. There were no disturbances, no arrests, nor any lodgers at the watch houses. Some complaint has been made of the noise created during the early part of the night by certain parties on South Washington street. A colored girl caught in the vestibule of the hall of a private residence on Prince street, in her flight to escape left behind her a door mat which she had stolen somewhere else.

CITY ITEMS.

STILL THEY COME! The people will patronize the POPULAR CLOTHING HOUSE. They appreciate goods well made, and at our prices will buy. We have determined to sell goods this Spring and Summer cheaper than the cheapest. That's our motto. Corner King and Fairfax sts. my 27-4f

FOR SALE.—The Lasso and Pictures of the beautiful Store now occupied by S. Deaham. In order to close business within the shortest possible time, my fine stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings Goods will be sold off at whatever sacrifice. All those who are indebted to me will please pay up without delay. my 27-4f

STOVES STORED AND REPAIRED. during the summer at the TIN and STOVE STORE of THOMAS HOY, corner of King and Pitt sts. opposite the Marshall House. sp 14-4f

NOTICE.—We have on hand a large stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's BOOTS and SHOES, and in order to reduce our stock, will sell at greatly reduced prices. All in want will do well to call at 74 King street. Jan 28-4f

W. B. WAUDEY.

CANAL COMMERCE. ARRIVALS.—TO-DAY. Boats D. P. Jones, James Roy, J. N. Davenport, W. W. Shepard, C. DuBois, A. H. Grant and J. P. Moore, to American Coal Co.; boat J. D. Dyer and F. A. Martins, to Maryland Coal Co.; boat P. Agnew, to Lamp & Bait Coal Co. DEPARTURES. Boats James Roy, Ingomar, D. P. Moore and J. Tice, for Cumberland. sp 14-4f

MORE WHITE PIQUES. We have this morning opened another large assortment of those White French Piques. my 26

CORSETS! French Corsets, warranted all well, at 75c per pair, at C. C. BERRY'S. my 24

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The general result of the Virginia municipal and township elections, so far as we have returns, is in favor of the Conservatives, except in Portsmouth, where the employees of the Gosport Navy Yard gave a heavy Radical majority, and in Petersburg, Manchester and Richmond, where an unusual number of colored people are congregated.

The bar of Fauquier county, at a meeting held on the 23d inst., passed appropriate resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Mr. B. H. Shackelford. So, also, did the Masonic Lodge at Warrenton, of which Mr. S. was a member.

John F. Wall is elected to the House of Delegates, from Frederick county, to fill a vacancy. The Conservatives in Winchester have elected their candidates for Mayor, Recorder, Clerk, Attorney, &c.

Mr. Glasscock has been elected to the House of Delegates, from Fauquier county, to fill a vacancy. The vote stood—Glasscock, 2,169; Smith, 1,010.

The house, or what was left of it, after the war, formerly owned and occupied by Gen. Eppa Hunton, at Brentsville, fell on Monday last.

Returns from the Townships in Prince William county indicate the success of the Conservatives in every Township.

John B. Withers has been elected Mayor of Warrenton.

KILLED BY A RAIL.—The Radford Sentinel says: "We learn that Mr. Sutherland Ross, an old and respectable citizen of Roanoke county, residing in the vicinity of Big Lick, was furiously attacked on the evening of the 9th inst., by a pet bull of his, and so badly injured as to cause his death in a few hours. The old man had been in the habit of amusing himself with his bullship, and had been repeatedly bitten down, but had received no serious damage in his former playful encounters with the pet. On the occasion above referred to, it was with the utmost difficulty that the infuriated animal, on murderous thoughts intent, could be driven away from his prostrate victim."

HUMORS OF REGISTRATION.—To the question, "Were you born in this State?" several sovereigns replied, "No, sir, I was born in Amherst!"—*Lex. Gaz.*

The receipts from internal revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30 will reach one hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars.

Renewed efforts are about to be made to secure the annexation of St. Domingo.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Three Requisites of Health.

If all the sickly people in the world were to take to their beds, and demand no food treatment, there would not be enough of the robust to nurse them. Three conditions are absolutely essential to health, viz: a good appetite, easy digestion, and the ability to sleep soundly. Seven-eighths of the men who succumb to disease from indigestion, get no labor under serious disease, complain that they "can't eat," that their "stomach" is "out of order," or that "they don't sleep well." For this class of ailments, low persons think of calling in a physician. Nor is it necessary, in such a case, of Hostetter's Bitters will certainly relieve the derangements of the stomach, the liver and the nervous system, from which want of appetite, indigestion and sleeplessness arise. This excellent vegetable tonic and corrective is also a powerful stimulant, an invigorant, a powerful purgative, and a powerful remedy for all the ailments of the stomach, liver and nervous system, which yield readily to a dose of this pleasant and sedative tonic just before retiring to rest. In ordinary cases, an invigorant is also a powerful stimulant, an invigorant, a powerful purgative, and a powerful remedy for all the ailments of the stomach, liver and nervous system, which yield readily to a dose of this pleasant and sedative tonic just before retiring to rest.

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